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Subject: Support for Microsoft Settlement

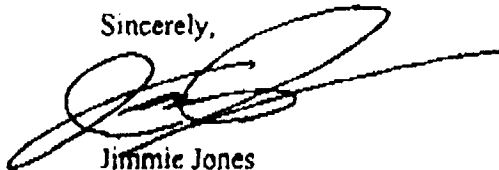
Dear Ms. Hesse:

I started in business as a very young man, working with my father at the garbage company he owned. Since then I have worked with a variety of companies in the waste industry. I have seen dramatic changes not only in this industry but also in the national economy. Technology is a driving force in the waste industry and the economy, providing the foundation for increased productivity, consumer and business knowledge and millions of new jobs in almost every industry.

Microsoft has been the leader in technology, not only in the United States, but internationally through its establishment of technology standards and integration of software. The efforts to restrict Microsoft's ability to compete could have serious implications for our economy. I urge a speedy resolution to the antitrust lawsuit. The proposed consent decree offers new flexibility and access to the technical aspects of Microsoft software so that computer makers and software developers can integrate non-Microsoft products into computer operating systems.

Microsoft itself, its competitors, computer manufacturers, information technology providers and, most important of all, the consumer and end-users will benefit from the protections provided in the settlement agreement. It is time to accept this agreement and allow Microsoft and other technology companies to return to building a competitive technology industry.

Sincerely,



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